

Re: Floating Property Filing Form

Dear Marina Owner/Operator,

As you likely know, owners of floating property are required to file an annual form with the county assessor as mandated by ORS 308.290. Failure to do so will result in a fine of up to 50% of tax owed and will be added to the November tax bill. Confidentiality limitations preclude the ability to forward the return forms and subsequent notices. Hence, the first notice to the taxpayer is often the fine found on the tax bill.

The requirement is antiquated, and the return is of little use to the assessor. The fines are excessive and unfair whereas mobile homes were exempted from the law while floating property was forgotten.

As a group, we are attempting to have the law amended to exempt floating property. Our research suggests that the assessor's offices will not oppose the law change, and that our legislators will be sympathetic to our efforts and will assist in drafting a bill.

At this point we are attempting to identify a sponsor from either the state Senate or House of Representatives. In this light, we are compiling a list of those marinas and/or individuals who have failed to receive a required return form from the county and/or been fined, per the requirements of ORS 308.290. We are asking for your assistance in collecting this information from your marina. You will likely need to be proactive and follow-up with those who do not respond. We have attached a questionnaire form requesting basic information including name, tax account number, date, and amount of fine, if any. If your members are uncomfortable in disclosing confidential information, a simple yes or no regarding fines will be helpful.

To ensure that the questionnaires are returned in a timely manner, we ask that you distribute and collect them by June 30, 2021 and forward them to George Donnerberg at 17809 NE Marine Drive, Slip A13, Portland, OR 97230 or email to: [george@donnerberg.com](mailto:george@donnerberg.com).

It would also be helpful if you can share any political contacts that may assist us in our efforts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-407-7108 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

George W. Donnerberg  
WOO ORS 308.290 Committee

**ORS 308.290 FILING FORM  
QUESTIONNAIRE**

<b>Marina</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Slip No.</b>	
<b>Owner's Name</b>	
<b>Owner's Phone</b>	
<b>Owner's Email</b>	
<b>Tax Account No.</b>	

Have you ever failed to receive a return form from the county? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever received a fine for failure to file the return form in a timely manner?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you have answered "yes", please provide approximate dates and amounts. \_\_\_\_\_

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Feel free to provide any comments you feel appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_

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